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April 27, 1927

Mr. A. F. W. Schmidt,
Librarian George Washington University,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Will you be so kind as to advise me whether the monograph by Lowell J. Ragatz of your University on the "Decline of the British West Indies, 1763-1833" has been published, and if so, ~~whether~~ where a copy of it may be purchased.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

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LOWELL JOSEPH RAGATZ

George Washington University,
Washington, 29-IV-27.

Mr. Sydney P. Noe,
Secretary, The American Numismatic Society,
New York City.

Dear Sir -

Prof. A. F. Schmidt, our librarian, has handed me your letter of the 27th inst., in which you make enquiry regarding my monograph The Decline of the British West Indies, 1763-1833: A Study in the Fall of the Planter Class.

Replying to the same, I will state that it is being expanded from its original form, a doctoral dissertation, in which it was awarded the Winsor prize, into a book of 500 pages, and that the last section is now being completed. It will, in all likelihood, have been published within the next year. I will keep your letter in

file and notify you when it has appeared.

Incidentally, I might add that I made good use in an early chapter of an article in <u>The Numismatist</u>.

Thanking you for your inquiry, I am,

Yours very truly,

Lowell J. Ragatz

May 6, 1927

Mr. Lowell J. Ragatz,
George Washington University,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your letter regarding the forthcoming book on "The Decline of the British West Indies." My interest in it is due to the hope that you might have discovered some new data regarding the financial or coinage conditions. May I ask if you know Mr. Wood's article published in the "American Journal of Numismatics," volume 48, 1914, page 90 - "The Coinage of the West Indies." I am not sure that this will aid you for the British West Indies, but at least you will know about it.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

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LOWELL JOSEPH RAGATZ

8 May 27.

Mr. Sydney P. Noe,
The American Numismatic Society,
New York.

Dear Sir:

Yes, my forthcoming book contains quite a bit of material on financial and coining problems in Chapter III. These disturbed the islanders in the Caribbean greatly. I know Mr. Lundi's article, to which you kindly call my attention — I have it in reprint form.

Thanking you for your interest, I am,

Sincerely yours,
Lowell J. Ragatz.

LOWELL JOSEPH RAGATZ
WASHINGTON, D. C.

George Washington University,
Washington,
29 January 28.

Mr. Sydney P. Noe,
American Numismatic Society,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Somewhat over a year ago you wrote to Professor Schmidt of our library inquiring whether my economic history of the British West Indies from 1763-1833 had been published. I replied, stating that I was rewriting it in book form which would take some months. The work is now complete and in the publishers hands and will, I presume, appear by 1929.

Two by-products of this study have, however, already been published in London, and I received a few copies the other day. They are a "Guide to the Official Correspondence

of the Governors of the British West Indian Islands with the Secretary of State, 1763-1833" and "A Check-List of House of Commons Sessional Papers Relating to the British Caribbean, 1763-1833": you would, I think, be interested in these. The first contains many references to governors despatches on carriage difficulties and the expedients resorted to to overcome them, such as "plugging" the pieces in circulation, etc. My guide tells exactly where each such despatch is to be found and if you cared to get copies to work up an article or something, you could readily do so by referring a copyist in the Public Record Office to the series and volume number. As for the other, there are many economic papers listed and a few, I believe, pertain to shortages of change etc.

If you want the two, I can supply you with them at $1.25 post paid, or you can order them

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

through Paul Pearlman of this city, who is American agent for the British firm publishing them. He had some 200 sets in stock around the holidays, but the supply is almost exhausted due to heavy library demand.

Sincerely yours,

Lowell Joseph Ragatz.

2d February, 1928

Lowell Joseph Ragatz, Esq.,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Ragatz:

Thank you very much for your letter of January 29th. I should be very glad to have both of the titles you mention, but I am not clear as to whether you mean $1.25 for each one or for the two. Remittance to cover will be sent as soon as you can inform me regarding this.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

Feb. 20, 1928

Prof. Lowell J. Ragatz,

The George Washington University,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Prof. Ragatz:-

Thank you very much indeed for your letter. The booklets came shortly afterwards. There should be some very promising material here - it is very difficult to get people to work with original sources, however. I appreciate very much your effort to aid. Cheque is enclosed.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

LOWELL JOSEPH RAGATZ
WASHINGTON, D.C.

31 July 28.

Mr. Sydney B. Fox,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Fox -

I wonder, did your clipping service supply you with this article?

Yours very truly,
Lowell J. Ragatz
George Washington University

August 2nd, 1928

Professor Lowell Joseph Ragatz
George Washington University
Washington, D.C.

Dear Professor Ragatz:

Yours of July 31st enclosing your article from the Interocean has been received. Thank you very much indeed for thinking of our library.

This article had not reached us previously, and it is one which we are very glad to have.

Very truly yours,

Secretary & Librarian